GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DIRECTIONS WITH REGARD TO ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in certain passport offices in the country there still does not exist any system for checking the number of passports issued to one person under different names or identity;

(b) if so, whether the Government have issued some fresh directions after reports came of two of the five hijackers of the IC-814 Indian Airlines flight having managed to get their passports from Mumbai and one of them was reportedly issued even two passports; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a)All passport offices follow a system of issuing passports with a check of documents and records as well as a police verification report. The Police Verification Report inter alia establishes the name as well as the identity of the applicant.

(b)&(c)Yes, Sir. The Government have tightened procedures so as to prevent criminals from obtaining passports on the basis of incorrect particulars. These include a more intensive check of original documents submitted at the time of application, and a more rigorous police verification.